rest of his days in the county which he inherited there.

The whole of the Hauteville conquests in Italy therefore seemed destined to form several out of the one which the strong hand of Guiscard had created. In the Abrussssi, In Sicily, in Taranto the cousins of the Hauteville dynasty respected the Duke of Apulia neither as overlord nor us heud of the race, The Count of Sicily now the strongest of them, both because of his youth his innate vigour; he must already have that the Hauteville conquests would break into fragments until a single strong hand could unite them again in one. If the duchy of Apulia fell to pieces, his own dominion in Sicily, as it would be endangered,

In 1112 the young Roger came to mtmhood and assumed the government, In the early raimmw uf that year he was knighted,* he signed soon lifter it grant of privilege to the Archbishop of Palermo ns *Rogerius jam miks jam comes.* Palermo now Income his capital; the choice was in accordance with his preference for Moslems anil Greeks,

The Crusades had already made Sicily with it* vigorous counts and central position it {tower to in* considered by the crusading princes of

the West
and of Palestine, Circumstances seemed likely to
make the connection a dynastic one. Towtudu
the end of 1112, Baldwin, King of JctrusuUtnt, p«cir
and needy, sought the hand of Adelaide; hti first
repudiated his former wife and kept the fact hid«i<ii